

Policy Title:	Treatment of Opioid Overdose	Policy ID:	
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I. Purpose of Policy

The purpose of this policy is to Hartford School District schools shall be prepared to provide care in the case of a suspected opioid overdose. The school nurse will follow the HSD School Nurses' Protocol specified in the naloxone training and the instructions in the naloxone kit.

School nurses will access applicable training required to administer naloxone.

II. Policy Scope

All schools in the Hartford School District must comply with this policy.

III. Definitions

Opioid are a class of drugs that include the illegal drug heroin as well as powerful pain relievers available legally by prescription, such as oxycodone (OxyContin®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), codeine, morphine, fentanyl, and many others.

Naloxone is used to treat a narcotic overdose in an emergency situation. This medicine should not be used in place of emergency medical care for an overdose.

Overdose describes the ingestion or application of a drug or other substance in quantities greater than are recommended or generally practiced. An overdose may result in a toxic state or death.

IV. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Hartford School District that when a student, parent or guest is demonstrating signs of opioid overdose the school nurse, if available, will administer “naloxone” the overdose antidote. If the nurse is unavailable, anyone available will immediately call “911” and administer first aid as necessary.

Legal Reference(s):

18 VSA § 4240 (c): *Prevention and treatment of opioid-related overdoses:*

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=18&Chapter=084&Section=04240>

18 VSA 26 § 28: Professions and Occupations: Nurse Practice Act

Vermont Agency of Education: 2121.5 Tiered System of Support Education Quality Standards p. 14 [http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-FinalEQS AsAdopted.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-FinalEQS_AsAdopted.pdf)

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